

Baltimore, Md., August 21, 1912.

A meeting of the Board of Public Works was held at 827 Munsey Building, on the date above mentioned, at 1:30 p. m.

Present: Governor Goldsborough, Comptroller Harrington and Treasurer Vandiver.

The question of office rental for the various State Department located in Baltimore City was discussed, whereupon, on motion, duly seconded, it was decided to write to Mr. George Blakiston, President of the Union Trust Company, to confirm conversation had with him by Mr. Graham regarding monthly tenancy of the Union Trust Building.

The following letter from the Chairman of the State Roads Commission was read:

August 14, 1912.

Board of Public Works,

Annapolis, Maryland.

Gentlemen:

Chapter 370 of the Acts of Assembly of 1912 Sections 9 to 13 inclusive provides for an appropriation of the sum of \$40,000 out of the loan therein created for the purpose of rebuilding what is known as the Old Government Post Road in Cecil County. Chapter 749 of the Acts of 1912 provides for the appropriation of \$40,000 out of the loan created therein for the same general purpose as is provided in Sections 9 to 13 inclusive of Chapter 370 of the Acts of 1912. It will be impossible to construct a road, which will be in any degree satisfactory, for the sum of \$40,000, and in my judgment an expenditure of only said amount would utterly fail to accomplish the purpose intended by the above legislation. In my judgment \$80,000 will not be sufficient to construct a road, which will substantially answer all requirements, but if the State Roads Commission is authorized by the above Acts to expend the sum of \$80,000 from the two loans, the road can be put in such condition that it will practically meet the demands upon it until the next legislature can appropriate an additional sum to complete it in a satisfactory way.

Under the circumstances I deem it advisable to know in advance whether your Honorable Body will authorize the expenditure by the State Roads Commission of the sum of \$80,000, which is strongly recommended by our Chief Engineer and by the Chairman.

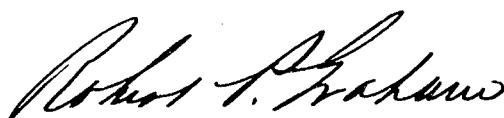
Very truly yours,

O. E. Weller, Chairman.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was ordered that upon the opinion of the Attorney General, if favorable, the loan will be duly authorized for the \$40,000, and that the Secretary write to the Attorney General for his opinion.

The report of Patterson & Cochran regarding the affairs of the House of Correction was laid before the Board. A copy of the report and the bill therefor were ordered sent to the Board of Directors of that Institution, with the request that they pay the same.

There being no further business the Board adjourned.



Secretary.

